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School district rejects Canton Chiefs logo, mascot

It may have been the minority opinion, but it was that minority members of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education voted to protect last week.

A student-led effort to retire the current mascot and logo at Canton High School was approved by a 6-1 vote of board members during a regular meeting last week. The decision follows nearly two years of discussion. The board decision follows two requests from student groups who claimed the chief mascot and arrowhead logo were disrespectful and insulting to Native Americans. Students first made the request in 2021 and the same issue was brought to the board by a second group this year. Months of discussion regarding the issue prompted the empaneling of a citizens advisory committee to research the issue before making a recommendation regarding the proposed change.

As part of the committee research, a community survey was conducted which included 6,206 responses, officials noted. Of those, 56.6 were opposed to the change and 27 percent were in favor of eliminating both the name and the logo. Others were undecided or had no opinion, according to officials. Despite the majority opinion, members of the citizens committee recommended the change which was criticized by the large audience at the recent meeting of the board.

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Some who opposed the change claimed to be of Native American heritage and said the name and the logo was not offensive or demeaning to their culture. Several individuals opposing the change spoke to the board members during the meeting, to applause from the assembled audience.

Others, however, supported the change. One graduate of Salem High School who was in favor of the change said that as a Native American, he had been subjected to racism while a student in the district. He said it was difficult to attend classes at Canton High School and walk beneath the arrowhead logo.

The majority of opinion, however, was shared by Trustee Sheryl Picard who cast the only no vote on the motion to change the mascot and logo. She said she felt the board members should listen to the members of the public who spoke out against the change at recent board meetings.

School board treasurer Patrick Kehoe responded that it was the minority he was paying attention to. He said those who feel the logo and mascot were unacceptable were not well served by the district in maintaining the symbols.

He said he understood the concern of alumni who would remain Chiefs, but that he was looking toward the generations of the future and those who find the logo and mascot unacceptable and offensive. "Those are the ones I think it is important for us to honor in this process and make sure we choose something that is not offensive."

Superintendent of Schools Monica Merritt who supported the change explained that the community survey was not designed or planned as the deciding factor in the decision but was a component of the research process. The board members referred to a resolution of the Michigan State Board of Education that, "strongly recommend[ed] the elimination of

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Friendly help

Volunteer group book sale helps fund programs at Romulus library

The Romulus Public Library has some very special friends. A group of 40 or so, the Friends of the Romulus Library fund special programs to enhance and promote the library in the community. The latest effort of the group is a Book and Bake Sale set for next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 27, 28 and 29 at the library.

The Romulus Public Library helped celebrate Juneteenth this year with a special booth during the city-wide event.

In addition to the books and other materials on sale, group members opted to sweeten up the event with the sale of cookies and quick breads at a bake sale. Book Chairman Kathy Dick said they hope to add more sweets to the next book sale, depending on the sales this year. The Friends are also hosting a small flea market during the book sale, with some exceptional bargains on gently used items.

Members of the Friends group are local residents who support the goals and services at the library. While the librarians develop the programs and plan the special activities, the friends provide funding generated through fundraising events throughout the year. A bowling night (See page 6.) is planned this weekend and a magic show for children is also set for this month, Dick said.

The Friends provide funding for library programs designed for children, tweens, teens and adults and the group supports both the summer and winter reading programs. In addition, Friends are strong advocates of the library and volunteers from the group will be on hand during the upcoming Romulus Pumpkin Festival, promoting the library and the programs offered there.

The upcoming Book and Bake Sale is set during regular library hours; 9:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, July 27; 9:30 until 6 p.m. Friday July 28 and 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, July 29.

The Friends of the Library are also welcoming new members to the group. Dick said while there are about 40 members, there are only about 12 or 15 who regularly attend the monthly meetings and help plan events. Membership applications are available at the library and on the library website, Dick said. Annual membership is $15 for an individual and $25 for a family. The contribution is tax deductible and receipts are available, according to the website.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in the city. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

New executive director named at Northville Art House

Shannon Karol

The Northville Art House has a new executive director.

Shannon Karol joined the art facility June 12, just before the annual Arts and Acts Festival. No stranger to the community, Karol is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School. She attended the University of Michigan, majoring in English and art history and went on to earn a master's degree in art history from the University of Iowa in 2005.

She has been a museum educator in art museums for 18 years, including the Kresge Art Museum at Michigan State University (now the MSU Broad Art Museum), the Dallas Museum of Art, the Cincinnati Art Museum, and the Speed Art Museum in Louisville, KY. Most recently, she served as the director of museum education and community engagement at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

Karol said the Arts and Acts Festival was both exciting and overwhelming with more than 1,000 visitors to the art house during the weekend.

Karol said the Art House is currently observing summer hours and is open from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. While the main gallery is currently dark, art work by students of Sandra Nursilo are on display as part of the Emerging Artist Wall. She said that the art installations at the Tuscan Café downtown would be changed today and included work by Linda Pelowski and work by well-known photographer Allen Brooks will on view after July 27.

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Northville

Township Fire Department Battalion Chief retires

Northville Township Fire Department Battalion Chief Chris Koth's last day on the job was July 15, ending his 30-year-career in public safety.

Koth's passion for helping others has been the hallmark of his storied professional career, which was spent entirely in Northville Township but not always as a firefighter/paramedic.

He began as a reserve police officer in 1992 where he was a member of the motorcycle patrol unit and a reserve field training officer. He rose to the rank of reserve sergeant. In 1996, he furthered his life-saving skills by becoming an on-call firefighter and then in 1998, was hired as a dispatcher. Koth continued to work in all three roles until he transitioned to full-time firefighter in 2000 and has worked for the Northville Township Fire Department since then.

"This suits my personality better and I felt like I could do more good here and experience less confrontation. And so that's the direction I went," Koth said.

Koth served as a paramedic, a lieutenant and was then named to the rank of battalion chief. His love for learning was apparent in every role he took, officials said, and even in his final weeks leading up to his retirement, he approached every training the department undertook with eagerness.

"Learning and training is how you stay safe on the job," he said.

Koth's rope rescue expertise is well-known throughout the state. He's a founding member and team leader on the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue (WWUSAR) team. He served as a rescue specialist and water rescue specialist with Michigan Urban Search and Rescue (USAR), Region 2, Task Force 1. In his off time, he teaches rope rescue around the state for the Michigan USAR Training Foundation, a role he will continue after retirement.

"We've only had one rope rescue in Northville Township and that was when a kid climbed up a tree and got stuck," said Koth. He rescued the child using the skills he first developed when he took up rock climbing his first year at Northern Michigan University, where he briefly studied engineering.

"Battalion Chief Koth has dedicated more than 30 years to the Northville community," said Northville Township Fire Chief Brent Siegel. "We are grateful for the various roles he has filled and the leadership he has provided to those who have worked with him. He has done a great job developing the new officers who will fill his shoes."

One of Koth's hobbies will be his new career. He and his wife, Kendra, are opening a business in northern Michigan where they will provide fiberglass boat repair services.

Koth developed a love for this skill when he bought a 40-year-old boat and made his own repairs as part of a complete rehab. He said he already has several customers lined up.

The Upper Michigan climate may also provide a venue for another of Koth's hobbies, hockey. While he isn't hanging up his hockey skates, he hung up his coach's whistle about four years ago, he said. He coached both of his children, Ashley and Jake, in the sport.

Township Battalion Chief Chris Koth retired from the department last week.

Normally soft spoken, Koth admitted he becomes loud on the ice and while leading the department at an emergency.

"On scenes, I'm totally different," he said.

And he added, he is always proud of what he and his fellow firefighter/paramedics accomplish.

"The chief asked me the other day what my proudest moment was," Koth said. "I'm proud of all of it."

City of Northville presents 2023 police service awards

Northville Police Ofc. Francis Cerulla was named Officer of the Year, the highest award in the department.

Seven police personnel were honored with a total of 13 awards for their service during calendar year 2022, just prior to the July 4 Independence Day parade in Northville. In addition to the highest award, Cerulla also received the Attendance Award.

Mayor Brian Turnbull and Police Chief Alan Maciag presented the awards, which included a certificate, and corresponding ribbon of honor. Other city council members and City Manager George Lahanas attended the ceremony in support of the officers.

Maciag was awarded the Police Service Award, the Staff & Command Award, the FBI National Academy Award, and the Advanced Educational Degree Award. Captain Gregory Hannewald received the Police Service Award and the Staff & Command Award. The MADD Life-Saving Award and Certificate of Merit were presented to Det. Erin Larkin. Sergeant Andrew Kirby received the Staff & Command Award; Ofc. Scott Groff received the Advanced Educational Degree Award and recently hired Ofc. Bassem Karkaba received the Police Service Award for 20 years of law enforcement seniority.

Nominating petitions are due by Tuesday, July 25

Hopeful candidates for Northville elected offices have until 4 p.m. July 25 to file nominating petitions with the city clerk's office.

Candidate packets containing nominating petitions, signature requirements, affidavits, and other information pertaining to the Nov. 7 city election are available at the city clerk's office, 215 W. Main St. between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, according to a prepared statement. Qualified individuals can petition to run for mayor, a two-year term and for two council member seats, each a four-year term. For more information call (248) 349-1300 during business hours.

State law (MCL 168.737a) requires that all write-in candidates who seek election to a city office file a declaration of intent with the city clerk no later than 4 p.m. on the second Friday immediately preceding the election.

Candidates must be a resident of the city of Northville for at least two years immediately prior to July 25 and be a qualified and registered elector. Candidates cannot be in default to the city nor to any governmental unit of the State of Michigan and may not be an incumbent in any elective city office for which the term of said office does not expire with the Nov. 7, 2023 city election. An incumbent whose term does not expire with the Nov. 7, 2023 election must resign their elective office prior to filing, according to the Northville City Charter.

Candidates with questions about incompatible offices must contact personal legal counsel as the city clerk's office does not offer legal advice.

Petitions can be filed in advance of the filing deadline. Filing earlier may allow extra time to submit a supplemental nominating petition filing (if applicable) by the filing deadline, officials said.

Contact City Clerk Mike Smith by email on the city website with questions or to make a filing appointment. While "walk-ins," are accepted, an appointment is recommended to ensure the city clerk is available to accept the filing.

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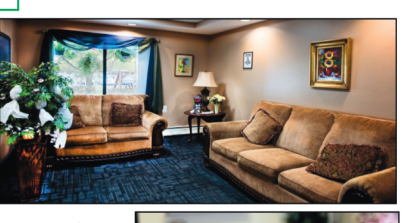

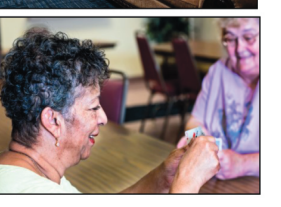

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2000 CHRYSLER
2C3HC56G5YH433286
2011 FORD
1FAHP3HN5BW134122
2012 JEEP
1C4PJLAKXCW165861
2015 FORD
3FA6P0G7XFR181373
2004 CHEVROLET
1GCEC19T24Z208253
2014 FORD
1FADP3K22EL305217
2004 MERCURY
2MRDA20204BJ06364
2007 CHEVROLET
1G1ZS58F67F171505
2018 CHEVROLET
1G1BE5SM0J7126478
2000 HONDA
2HKRL1850YH611066
2012 FORD
1FAHP3H28CL234367
2014 NISSAN
JN8AS5MTXEW609010
2005 ACURA
1PUUA662X5A047999
2006 DODGE
2D4GP44L26R618122

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MARTINS' TOWING
17180 Dix Toledo Rd
Brownstown, MI 48193
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10:00 AM

2005 TOYOTA
1NXBR32E65Z559427
1993 BUICK
1G4HR53L6PH499681
2011 HYUNDAI
3H3C532S5BT124160
2010 CHEVROLET
2CNALPEW4A6204256
2009 DODGE
3D4GG57V99T502145
2015 CHRYSLER
1C3CCCAB4FN562148
2001 HYUNDAI
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2011 JEEP
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2004 TOYOTA
1NXBR38E14Z319045
2007 CHEVROLET
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2014 FORD
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2010 DODGE
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2014 CHEVROLET
2GNALBEK8E6325275
2005 HONDA
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2014 KIA
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2009 CHEVROLET
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2012 CHEVROLET
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2013 HYUNDAI
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2009 HYUNDAI
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2012 JEEP
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2017 CHEVROLET
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2012 YAMAHA
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2000 HAULMARK
16HCB1311YH068300
2000 FORD
1FTWW33F3YEE48872
2006 FORD
1ZVFT80N165188838
1995 GMC
1GDG6H1J0SJ517181
2005 COACHMEN
1TC2B20445120839
2005 MERCURY
1MEHM55S05A632186

On Thursday, July 27th, 2023 at 11:30 am, Great Lakes Towing Impound and Recovery Division located at 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, Mi, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2007 Hummer
5GTDN13EX78198638
2017 Dodge
3C4PDCAB0ET219961
2016 Nissan
1N4AL3AP4GN373327
2018 Chevorlet
1G1ZD5ST9JF258704
2010 Volkswagen
3VWRZ7AJ3AM057818
The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Dearborn Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Dearborn Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2022 Hyundai
KMHLN4AJ9NU021891
The above vehicles are impounded through the Livonia Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Livonia Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2016 Dodge
2C3CDXJG6GH140778
2006 Dodge
1B3EL46XX6N115162
The above vehicles are impounded through the Plymouth Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Plymouth Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

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CANTON

3 shops cited for cigarette sales to minor

A decoy customer visited eight Canton Township tobacco sellers last week and found that three were willing to sell to minors.

The decoy operation is part of an ongoing effort of the Canton Township Police Department to ensure local shops are compliant with the laws concerning the sale of tobacco. The minimum age to purchase tobacco in the State of Michigan was increased in 2021 from 18 to 21.

The three shops who sold tobacco or vapes to the police decoy include Sweet Fire Tobacco, 1735 S. Haggerty Road; Wild Bills Tobacco, 5820 N. Sheldon Road and King Tobacco, 44279 Ford Road.

The five stores where the decoy was refused were Vape N Chase, 8489 N. Lilley Road; Lilley's Smoke Shop, 42075 Ford Road; Cloudz Smoke Shop, 44942 Ford Road; Inline Vape, 44926 Ford Road and Smoke Ology, 125 N. Haggerty Road, according to police reports.

> *Establishments selling to a minor receive a misdemeanor citation.*

"The Canton Police Department conducts random compliance checks throughout the community with officers utilizing a 'zero tolerance' enforcement strategy when dealing with violations of alcohol, tobacco, and vape sales to minors. Establishments selling to a minor receive a misdemeanor citation. Alcohol violations are also reported to the State of Michigan's Liquor Control Commission," Canton police said in a prepared statement.

Penalties for selling tobacco to those younger than 21 include fines up to $100 for the first offense, up to $500 for the second offense, and up to $2,500 for third and subsequent offenses. Violators receive a misdemeanor citation, police said.

Student is awarded $5,000 scholarship

A love of robotics and aspirations of an engineering career led one Canton Township eighth-grader to a life-changing opportunity. He was selected among the winners of the CollegeBound™ Scholarship and will receive a $5,000 scholarship.

Sayan Shah from Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy was one of four scholars selected from hundreds of applicants from more than 90 National Heritage Academies (NHA) partner schools, according to a statement from the schools.

Each applicant wrote an essay on one of three topics: applying their morals in service to others through community service; situations in which moral focus virtues guided their decision-making process, or how science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) influenced their decision to pursue a career in those fields.

> *Shah has a love for robotics.*

Shah has a love for robotics and hopes to pursue a career in engineering, he said.

Actively involved in robotics programs since second grade, he recently worked on robots that were able to filter sweat from astronauts to turn into drinkable water and test plant soil levels and then water them to the proper moisture content. He also created robots that competed in three-on-three matches.

"I am thrilled to congratulate this year's class of CollegeBound Scholarship winners," NHA President and CEO Brian Britton said. "I'm inspired hearing these scholars' stories of perseverance and courage. Seeing our educators encourage these tremendous young minds is what we strive to achieve each and every day through our mission to transform lives."

Funding for the scholarship is provided through NHA employee contributions, people who believe in NHA's mission to help every child achieve their dreams, according to a prepared statement.

Sayan Shah

Chiefs

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American Indian mascots, nicknames, logos, fight songs, insignias, antics, and team descriptors by all Michigan schools."

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is also strongly opposed to "the use of 'Native American' sports mascots, logos, or symbols" and contend they perpetuate "stereotypes of American Indians that are very harmful."

A new mascot and logo will be chosen by students at Canton High School during the 2023-24 school year, maintaining the red and white colors, Merritt said, and the district will apply for grants to fund the transition.

Ford Road game continues

Shoppers in businesses located along the Ford Road corridor in Canton Township continue to enjoy random $100 gift cards presented during a special promotion now under way.

The ShopLocal, ShopCanton Color Block Game, sponsored by the Canton Downtown Development Authority, in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services and Canton Chamber of Commerce, is ongoing in the green block. Visitors who shop and dine the specials from participating merchants in that color block using the ShopCanton Guide mobile app are entered for a chance to win in a weekly drawing for a $100 gift card. There will be a grand finale on the 27th week for the $500 gift card.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 10, 2023 for the following:

FIRE STATION # 2 PARK

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 23/24-01 Veteran's Memorial Reconstruction

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the reconstruction, restoration and expansion of the Romulus Veterans Memorial Monument.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless mad
(2) For the purpose of allowing all contractors interested in placing a bid the opportunity to acquaint themselves with all of the existing conditions and the materials that were salvaged from the removed memorial, it will be recommended for all contractors to perform a work site examination and cursory inventory of stored monument materials prior to submitting a bid.
(3) Recommended site visits must be supervised and shall be by appointment only prior to August 03, 2023. Contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus Purchasing Director at 734-955-4568 or via email at Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
(4) Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 PM Local Time, August 07, 2023.
(5) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(6) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., **Tuesday, August 15, 2023**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.
(7) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time **August 15, 2023**, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.
(8) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(9) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(10) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
(11) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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Safety of Sherwood Pond water concerns trustees

Sumpter Township Manager Tony Burdick has suggested prohibiting swimming in Sherwood Park in the community.

Burdick made the recommendation at the July 11 meeting of the trustees and explained that the ban was in response to weather conditions and an attempt to protect residents from health threats that the water could pose. Burdick said recent high temperatures during the summer season along with a lack of rain make regular testing of the water at the park necessary to ensure it is safe for swimmers. Each test, he told the trustees, costs the township about $150 and the necessity of testing continues to increase.

Burdick added that the laboratories responsible for processing the tests are also "running up against a time issue" with the level of testing throughout the area.

"We obviously all want it to be a healthy environment. We want it to be something our folks can enjoy," he said. Burdick added that he thought the pond could continue to be used for non-motorized watercraft like kayaks and canoes which were approved for use last year.

Trustee Matt Oddy agreed with Burdick and noted that he had communicated with him about his fear of a health threat at the pond. He said he had sent Burdick multiple reports of health problems from contaminated water and that already this summer there had been an incident in a nearby community.

"I am concerned about the potential of what is in in the water that could make people sick," Oddy said. "I think there is a liability there with no lifeguard on duty. We don't have anybody there to say somebody is drinking too much or regulate alcohol that could be consumed. I think it's just bringing a liability to the township leaving it open to swimming."

> *We obviously all want it to be a healthy environment.*

Oddy said he felt the township should learn from "what's happened in the local community. Let's not wait until something happens to learn a lesson from what's happened in other communities," he said.

The board members took no official action on Burdick's proposed ban but residents will be advised to swim at their own risk during the upcoming parks and recreation department Family Fun Day set for noon until 4 p.m. this Saturday, July 22.

See story below for details.

Family Fun Day is Saturday

The Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Family Fun Day is planned from noon until 4 p.m. this Saturday, July 22, at Banotai Park on Sherwood Road.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and water will be available. Among the volunteer cooks using the new charcoal grills installed at the park will be Trustee/Deputy Supervisor Tim Rush and Trustee Matt Oddy.

Entertainment will include a fishing contest for those 12 and younger with a prize for the largest catch of the day. Horseshoes and volleyball games are also planned, officials said. Banotai Park, formally known as Sherwood Park, consists of 81.82 acres on the northwest corner of Sherwood Road and Wear Road. Swimming in Sherwood Pond at the park is not recommended.

Sherwood Pond

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 3, 2023 for the following:

SECURITY TECHNOLOGY MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF ROMULUS
ITB 23/24-02 PROJECT #0155-23-0020
2023 MEDC SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The City of Romulus is requesting sealed bids for the **MEDC Sidewalk Replacement Project**. The project is located six subdivisions within the City of Romulus including Romulus Urban Renewal, Huron Hills Estate, Wyndcliff, Huron River Estates, Oakbrook and Meadow Greenview. The work includes removing the existing sidewalk and constructing new sidewalk and ramps as well as all necessary earthwork, root trimming, cleaning, and restoration.

No pre-bid meeting is required.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on August 1, 2023. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 23/24-02 PROJECT #0155-23-0020
2023 MEDC SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT
City of Romulus Clerk's Office
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents shall be on file after 1:00 PM July 18, 2023, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined from the office of the City's Engineer, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (phone 734-522-6711).

Companies can also view or download copies of the plans and bid documents from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn).

Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids. A contract may ultimately be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest. This is a Federally funded project. The contractor and subcontractors must comply with Equal Employment Opportunity requirements, Davis-Bacon Wages, and other requirements as set forth in the bid documents. Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises seeking bid opportunities under this project are encouraged to respond.

Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist without first being approved by a formal action of the members of the Romulus City Council and only after all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and the agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful Bidder.

All questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed only to Rich Hobgood of OHM at 734-466-4492 or via email at rich.hobgood@ohm-advisors.com.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 26, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb
Absent / Excused: Virginia Williams
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Derran Shelby - Deputy Police Chief; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Roger Kadau - Co-Director of Cable

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #23-176** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays – None Abstain - Abdo, Roscoe **Motion Carried**
   - B. **Res. #23-179** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the MEDC Sidewalk Project presentation. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays – None Abstain - Abdo, Roscoe **Motion Carried**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #23-178** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Horseshoe Club to use the Elmer Johnson Horseshoe Pit on Wednesdays starting June 28, 2023, through September 30, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-179** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all Relay for Life activities, as well as the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023, and ending at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, 2023.**Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #23-180** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all July 14, 2023, Sounds in Downton activities and authorization for the closure of Hunt Street beginning at Bibbins Street and ending at the entrance of the Post Office from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and a road closure of Goddard Road between Shook Road and Sterling Street beginning at 9:00 p.m. and ending at 12:00 a.m. July 15th to ensure the safety of all participants. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #23-181** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all Pumpkin Festival and Parade of Lights activities during the Pumpkin Festival weekend of September 15 - September 17, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
     Res. #23-182 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023, and ending Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. for the Rotary Parade of Lights. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
     Res. #23-183 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road from Moore Street to east of the Post Office driveway on Saturday, September 16, 2023, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and re-opening at 8:00 p.m. for the Pumpkin Festival Car Show and Pumpkin Chuckin competition. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
     Res. #23-184 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road from Moore Street to east of the Post Office driveway on Sunday, September 17, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and re-opening at 5:00 p.m. for the Motorcycle Shoe and Pumpkin Smash competition. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - E. **Res. #23-185** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and adopt the Annual Community Resolution Accepting Long-Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System in accordance with Wayne County Ordinance requirements for the July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, fiscal year. Motion Carried Unanimously
   - F. **Res. #23-186** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B7700179 for the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford Explorer in the amount of $41,695.00 from Feldman Automotive Group. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
     Res. #23-187 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B7700177 for the purchase of three (3) Chevrolet Malibus at a total cost of $59,853.00 ($19,951.00 each) from Berger Chevrolet. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - G. **Res. #23-188** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-1 to recognize the $500,00.00 of revenue and expenditure associated with the second installment payment of the MEDC Sidewalk Grant.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT FUND BALANCE	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General				
Revenue				
101-444-567.000-MEDC23	State Grants	$-	$500,000.00	$500,000.00
Expense				
101-444-567.000-MEDC23	Project Costs	$-	$500,000.00	$500,000.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. **Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #23-189** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-21 in the amount of $181,780.00 to recognize forfeiture revenue to purchase new vehicles for the Romulus Police Department. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
   Treasurer Paige reminded residents that city offices will be closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday. She also informed the residents that summer tax bills would be delivered by July 1st and due October 2nd.
8. **Public Comment** - *None*
9. **Unfinished Business** – *See the Clerks Office for a complete copy of the Minutes*
10. **New Business** - *None*
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #23-190** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve Warrant #: 23-12 for checks presented in the amount of $1,646,218.19. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Communication** - *See the Clerks Office for a complete copy of the Minutes*
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 26, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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PLYMOUTH - WESTLAND

City cable channel features mayoral candidates

Westland voters will choose two candidates to vie for the office of mayor during the Aug. 8 primary election in the city. One of those candidates will be the first new mayor of the city in nearly two decades following the resignation of long-time Mayor William Wild who took a job in the private sector.

Voters will select two candidates from six who will appear on the ballot and those two will move on to the November general election.

Hoping to win voters' favor are Ali Awadi, Kevin Coleman, Jim Godbout, Anthony Jones, Mike Londeau and Ronald Sassak. Each hopes to win the nonpartisan four-year mayoral position which pays about $121,574 annually.

Awadi, 54, holds a doctoral degree in public administration and works as a consultant. He is a former police chief.

Coleman, 40, is serving his third term in Lansing as a state representative. He is a former Westland City Council member.

Godbout, 68, has served on the city council for 23 years and as president for 13 years. He works as vice president of Midwest Recycling.

> *Five candidates accepted and their speeches are available alphabetically on the community cable channel.*

Jones, 56, works as a truck driver. He also has a background in coaching and refereeing hockey games.

Londeau, 44, is currently serving as interim mayor and was appointed by city council in January. He is a former city councilman and chaired the downtown development authority.

Sassak had no social media pages for information.

Community Media/WLND extended an opportunity to the six mayoral candidates to speak to directly to Westland residents for up to eight minutes. Five candidates accepted and their speeches are available alphabetically on the community cable channel. Each candidate will also have their speeches aired separately on the WLND/City of Westland YouTube channel with closed captioning capability at: https://www.youtube.com/@wlnd-cityofwestlandmunicip.../videos

Hitting the high notes

Members of the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Choir recently participated in the Music in the Parks Festival at Cedar Point and took home eight first place awards as well as three individual awards. The individual awards were presented to the Plymouth-Canton district soloist, student conductor and best conductor. The choirs competed against other high school choirs from across the country. Each of the Plymouth Canton choirs swept their category performing two selections for two judges and received the highest scores and rankings. Lauren Hummer received a medal for Best Student Conductor, Malek Benedict-Blue received a medal for Best Student Soloist and the Plymouth Canton Madrigal Singers achieved Best Overall Choir with the highest point total of 198.5/200 of any choir in the two day competition. All Plymouth Canton Educational Park Choirs are directed by teacher Jennifer Neumann.

Commission members are sought

Plymouth Township is accepting applications from residents interested in serving on the newly created Veterans' Commission.

The commission will have nine members and will be initially led by organizing chairperson Jen Buckley, who is veteran and a current township trustee.

The commission was established in an effort to help foster greater understanding and appreciation for the veteran community and their families, increase visibility of veterans and veterans' issues, inform the veteran community of available services, programs, and resources, and advocate for issues important to veterans and their families, officials said. Requirements to serve include Plymouth Township residency.

A form to submit interest in the commission is available at https://cms5.revize.com/.../CToP_Board-Commission.

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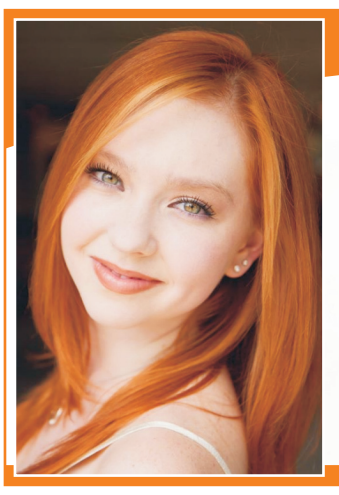

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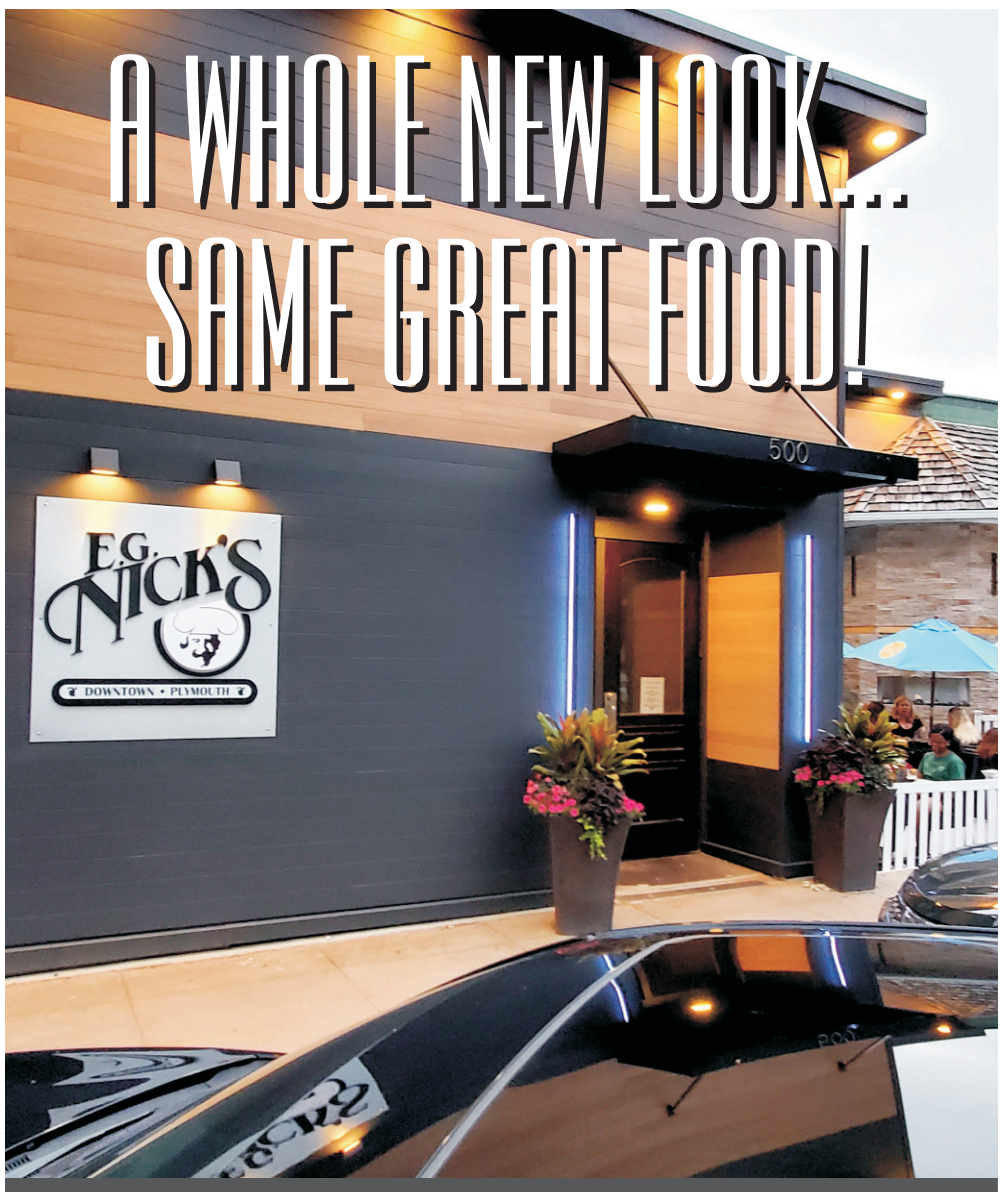

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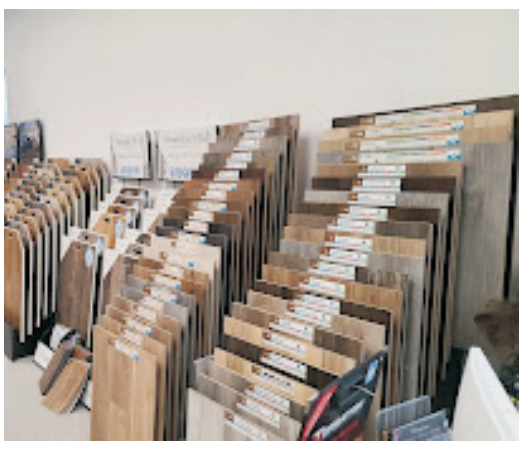
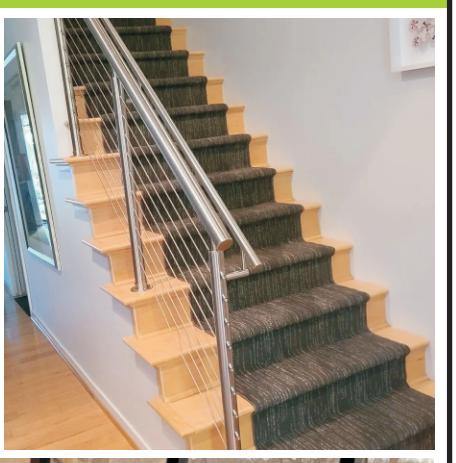
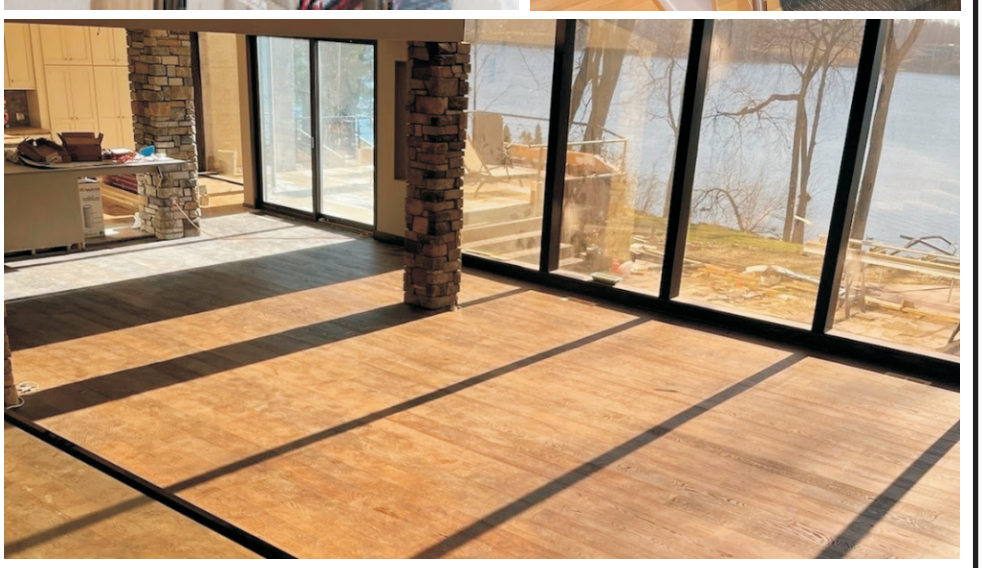

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Inkster - Romulus - Wayne

Inkster police hosting community events

The Inkster Police Department is planning several community events this summer.

The Inkster police and Inkster Housing Commission are planning a 'cool' Popsicle Giveaway this Saturday, July 22.

The Popsicle Giveaway will take place from noon until 2 p.m. at the Inkster Housing Envision Center, 4360 Hickory St. There will be free popsicles, juices, games, music and prizes awarded to participants.

> *The Popsicle Giveaway will take place from noon until 2 p.m. at the Inkster Housing Envision Center.*

Next week, the police department will present Movie Night beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, July 28. The movie Encanto will be shown at the police department parking lot at 26279 Michigan Ave. The evening includes music, games and prizes, officials said.

National Night Out will be celebrated from 5 until 10 p.m. at the police station on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer and a more caring place to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community, according to the website. The event also provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Sponsorships for National Night Out in Inkster are still being accepted to help fund the event which is free to the public.

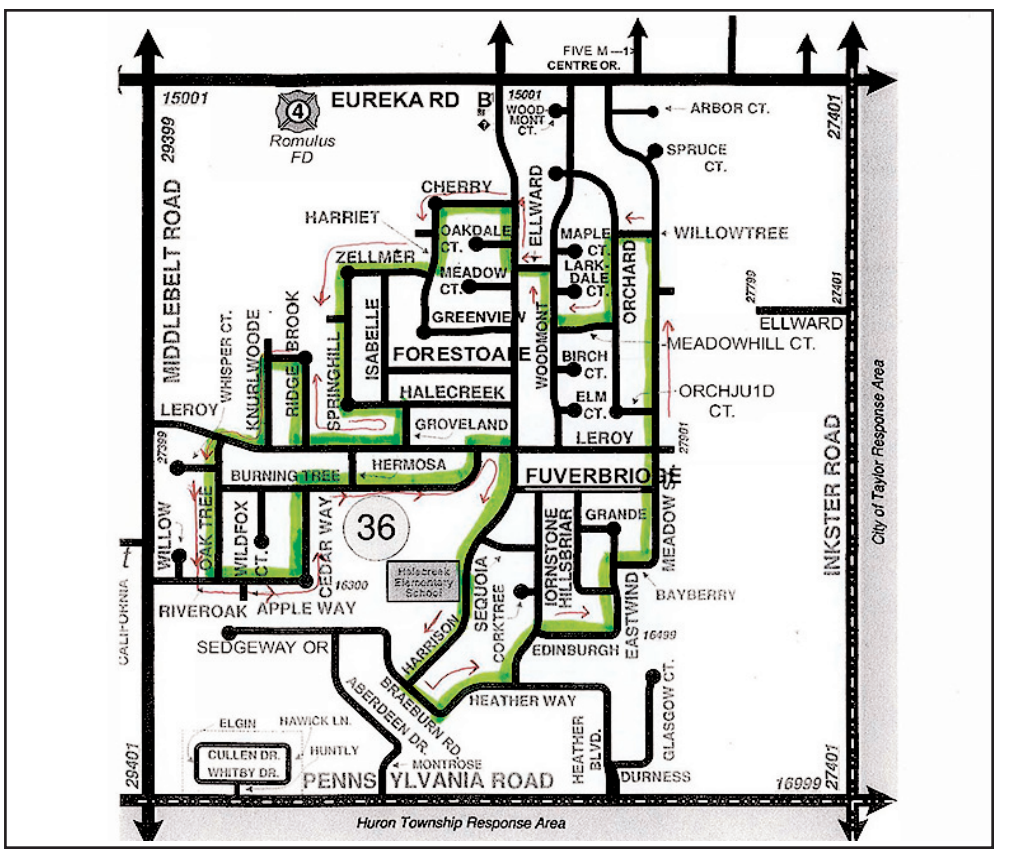
Officer of the Year

Lieutenant Robert Amore, right, was presented with the 2022 Wayne Police Department Police Officer of the Year Award at the regular meeting of the city council last week. A team of officers from the entire department chose Amore to receive the award. Amore joined the City of Wayne Police Department in 2005 and is currently a road patrol lieutenant. Amore was vital in the recent accreditation of the department by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, officials said. Police Chief Ryan Strong, left, congratulated Amore during the presentation. "Lt. Amore is an extremely hard working member of the department with a consistently positive attitude. We are lucky to have him as part of our team."

Annual city bike ride set

Next week, the 5th Annual Community Bike Ride is planned in Romulus. An activity hosted by the Police and Community Together (PACT) organization, the day will include food, entertainment and a 4-mile bike ride from 2 until 5 p.m. July 29.

The event will begin and end at Halecreek Elementary School located at 16200 Harrison St. Riders can register for the event at https://bit.ly/3NQglq3.



Workshops set at city library

The Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster will host Maria J. Edwards-Wheeler, MSW,LMSW,ASCW,QMHP,CPRM ,CCJP-M, as part of a mental health lecture series .

Workshops at the library are planned for 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday July 22 and Saturday, Aug. 26.

The event is free and open to the public. No registration is required although seating is limited so early arrival is suggested. Light refreshments will be served, according to a prepared statement.

Bowling event planned

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Romulus Public Library have teamed up for a fundraiser set for next Saturday, July 22.

Bowling Night is planned at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at Romulus Lanes. Check-in will begin at 6:30 and bowling will begin at 7 p.m. sharp, organizers said. Bowlers of all levels are welcome organizers said. There will also be 50/50 raffles, mens and womens's high game prizes and a cash bar will be available.

The cost is $50 per couple or $25 per person and includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza dn pop and two mystery games.

Bowlers can register and pay in advance at romuluschamber.org.

Prize donations are still being accepted. To donate a raffle basket or prize, contact the chamber office from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, (734) 893-0694.